

REMARKS

Claims 14-18 are newly added. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-9 and 14-18 remain pending in this application.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action contends that the invention of claims 1-9 does not produce “a useful, concrete and tangible result.” Applicant respectfully submits, however, that “producing the scenario which is specific to said computer” is indeed a useful, concrete and tangible result. According to claim 1, the scenario “is a file describing procedures for installing the software.” Producing the scenario is useful because the scenario can be used to install the desired software in a way that otherwise could not be done. Moreover, producing the scenario is concrete and tangible because, as the claim recites, the scenario is “specific to said computer.”

The Office Action further contends that the invention of the claims “fail[s] to use or make available for use the result of the interpretation to enable its functionality and usefulness to be realized.” As amended, claim 1 recites “wherein said searching is processed by said computer, based on said computer or a user of said computer.” The computer therefore uses the results of the search to produce the scenario, which, as described above, is a useful, concrete and tangible result. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 6-9 stand further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that “claims 6-9 are directed to a ‘processor readable medium’ which, in accordance with Applicant’s specification, may be ‘a transition medium.’” Applicant notes that the phrase “transition medium” does not appear in the specification, nor does the Office Action provide a reference citation for this phrase. More importantly, however, the words “transition medium” do not appear in the claims. It is therefore unclear as to the Office Action’s

reasoning in this rejection. Furthermore, the Office Action's suggestion to further limit the claim by adding the word "recording" is not in line with the MPEP, which suggests that "[w]hen functional descriptive material is recorded on some computer-readable medium, it becomes structurally and functionally interrelated..." MPEP 2106.01. The MPEP does not suggest a "computer-readable recording medium." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/0083131 to Machida ("Machida"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites "acquiring a template of a scenario which is a file describing procedures for installing the software, the template including parameters," and "acquiring data corresponding to the parameters by searching a database." Machida does not disclose these limitations.

The Office Action contends that the set-up driver information structure of Machida meets the recited template, and the property information of Machida meets the scenario. Please note, however, that the claim recites "a template of a scenario." Machida does not disclose or suggest the recited "template of a scenario." Therefore, claim 1 should be allowable.

In the claimed invention the template has parameters which must be filled in, that is, by the data acquired by "searching an installation database." Applicant refers, for example, to Figs. 4-6, which show a template in Fig. 4, having the parameters DRIVERNAME, ADDRESS, and PNAME, and scenarios in Figs 5 and 6, showing these parameters filled in. In contrast to the claimed invention, the driver information structure of Machida is not a template of the property information. See Machida paragraphs 52-53 for descriptions of these two different data structures. Also compare Machida, Fig. 3, which shows a set-up driver information structure with Fig. 4, which shows a property information structure. These are totally different, neither is a "template" of the other.

As Machida does not disclose the limitations of claim 1, claim 1 is allowable over Machida. Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and are allowable over Machida along with claim 1 as well as on their own merits. Claims 6-9 are allowable over Machida for similar reasons.

In view of the above remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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